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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH JANOS KADAR

REF: BUDAPEST 3861

1. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED AN ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO BE CONVEYED BY YOU TO KADAR. THIS MESSAGE
FOLLOWS: QUOTE I AM PLEASED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES ARE IMPROVING. SINCE THE CONFERENCE AT
HELSINKI, IN WHICH WE BOTH HAD THE HONOR TO PARTICIPATE,
AN IMPORTANT EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL VISITORS
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HAS BEEN INSTITUTED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISITS OF

SEVERAL SENIOR HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR.

SUCH VISITS ARE INDICATIVE OF GROWTH IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE HAVE SEEN MORE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HUNGARIAN - U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL, WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST MONTH IN BUDAPEST AND IN THE INCREASE IN OUR TRADE AND THE BEGINNING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BEGAN YESTERDAY IN BUDAPEST ON A CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WILL REACH A RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. SUCH AN AGREEMENT, WHICH SEEKS TO

IMPLEMENT MANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH WE BOTH SIGNED AT HELSINKI, WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL FRAMEWORK FOR AN EXPANSION OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR CITIZENS AND THUS FOR THE GROWTH OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE IMPETUS FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT. UNQUOTE.

2. GIVEN THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE OF KADAR'S REQUEST FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, WE AGREE THAT YOUR PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED APPROACH TO CSCE IMPLEMENTATION (BUDAPEST 3555) IS NOW OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

3. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO LEARN WHAT KADAR WISHES TO SAY. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, BOTH BILATERAL AND POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL AS WELL, OFFER VARIETY OF POSSIBLE REASONS FOR KADAR'S INITIATIVE.

4. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST AN APPROACH WHICH GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR KADAR OUT AND WHICH MAY PROVIDE AN OCCASION FOR A FOLLOW-UP MEETING. OUR CONCERNS ABOUT CSCE IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE GENERALLY EXPRESSED THROUGH THE ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT YOUR OWN APPROACH ON CSCE SHOULD BE DEFERRED.

5. DURING YOUR MEETING WITH KADAR WE ANTICIPATE THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ANY SUBJECTS RAISED BY KADAR THAT HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECENTLY BEEN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION, SUCH AS MFN AND THE CROWN, REFERRING TO RESPONSES YOU AND RECENT U.S. VISITORS HAVE GIVEN TO SENIOR GOH OFFICIALS (BUDAPEST 3860 RE: MFN; THE INGERSOLL-GYENES CONVERSATION REGARDING CROWN). IF, AS HE WELL MAY, KADAR RAISES NEW ISSUES OR INITIATIVES OR PRODUCES SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS ON OLD THEMES, THIS WOULD CREATE READY-MADE OPPORTUNITY TO "CONVEY HIS VIEWS TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT" AND TO SEEK A NEW MEETING

WITH KADAR UPON RECEIPT OF WASHINGTON REACTION.

6. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH KADAR YOU SHOULD AVOID SUGGESTIONS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PARLIAMENTARY VISITS, SINCE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AN INVITATION BY CONGRESS OR BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. YOU SHOULD ALSO AVOID SUGGESTION OF SUMMIT-LEVEL VISIT. WE WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU HAD ACCESS TO KADAR TO CONVEY IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM WASHINGTON. WE WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS IN GUARANTEEING SIMILAR ACCESS FOR ESZTERGALYOS, AND WE WOULD NOT WISHTO IMPLY THAT RECIPROCITY IS POSSIBLE-

7. SINCE YOUR MEETING WITH KADAR WILL ALSO BE IMPORTANT FOR MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON FOR NAGY- THE ACTING SECRETARY, UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMANN- PLEASE REPORT ON MEETING BY IMMEDIATE ACTION. INGERSOLL UNQTE INGERSOLL

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